

# **HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF INDIA**



## Jammu and Kashmir

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Charar-E-Sharif	Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir	Zain-ul-Abidin	-

## Ladakh

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Leh Palace	Leh, Ladakh	Sengge Namgyal (17th-century Namgyal dynasty King of Ladakh)	also known as Lachen Palkar Palace
Mulbekh Monastery	Kargil, Ladakh	The students of great Tibetan scholar Lotsawa Rinchen Zangpo	

## Delhi

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Feroz Shah Kotla	Feroz Shah Tughlaq	
Jama Masjid	Shah Jahan	• one of the largest mosques in India.
Khirki Masjid	Khan-i-Jahan Junan Shah (vazir of Feroz Shah Tughlaq)	
Tughlaqabad Fort	Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq	
India Gate	Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens	• It was formerly known as the All India War Memorial.

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Purana Qila	Construction began by Humayun and completed by Sher Shah Suri	• one of the oldest forts in Delhi.
Qutub Minar	Construction began by Qutubuddin Aibak and completed by Iltutmish	• UNESCO World Heritage Site. • named after Khwaja Qutubuddin Bakhtiar Kaki (a sufi saint).
Humayun's Tomb	-	• UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993.

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Red Fort	Shah Jahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2007.</li></ul>
Moti Masjid	Aurangzeb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is located within the Red Fort complex.</li></ul>
Rashtrapati Bhavan	British Govt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the official residence of the President of India.</li><li>Current tenants : Ram Nath Kovind (President of India) Savita Kovind (First Lady of India)</li></ul>

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Agra Fort	Agra	Akbar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983.</li></ul>
Aram Bagh	Agra	Babur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the oldest Mughal Garden in India.</li></ul>
Bada Imambara	Lucknow	Asaf-ud-daula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This imambara is the second largest after the Nizamat Imambara (Murshidabad, WB).</li></ul>
Chhota Imambara	Lucknow	Muhammad Ali Shah	

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Sati Burj	Mathura	Raja Bhagwan Das	
Deewan-E-Khas	Agra fort	Shah Jahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was also known as the Shah Mahal.</li></ul>
Moti Masjid	Agra	Shah Jahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>within the Agra Fort complex.</li></ul>
Taj Mahal	Agra	Shah Jahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ivory-white marble mausoleum on the right bank of the river Yamuna.</li><li>Tomb of Shah Jahan's favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal.</li><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983.</li><li>It is one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.</li></ul>

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Fatehpur Sikri	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	Akbar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fatehpur Sikri is a town in the Agra District of Uttar Pradesh</li><li>UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1986</li></ul>
Jama Masjid	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	Akbar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a mosque in the Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh</li></ul>
Buland Darwaza	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	Akbar (to commemorate his victory over Gujarat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It means Door of Victory</li><li>It is the entrance to Fatehpur Sikri's Jama Masjid</li></ul>

## Bihar

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Nalanda Mahavihara	Nalanda district, Bihar	King Kumaragupta I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2016.</li></ul>
Pathar Ki Masjid	Patna, Bihar	Parviz Mirza (son of Jahangir)	
Sher Shah's Tomb	Sasaram, Bihar	Designed by the architect Aliwal Khan	

## Rajasthan

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Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra	Ajmer	Qutubuddin Aibak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The word 'adhai' means two and a half in Hindi and it is said that the mosque was constructed in two and a half days.</li><li>It was designed by Abu Bakr of Herat.</li></ul>
Ajmer Sharif Dargah	Ajmer	Humayun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the tomb of Khwaja Moin-ud-din Chishti (the Sufi saint from Persia).</li></ul>

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Hawa Mahal	Jaipur	Sawai Pratap Singh	
Nahargarh Fort	Jaipur	Sawai Jai Singh	Sawai Jai Singh or Jai Singh II
Jaigarh Fort	Jaipur	Sawai Jai Singh	
Vijaya Stambha	Chittorgarh	Rana Kumbha of Mewar	to commemorate his victory over the combined armies of Malwa and Gujarat sultanates led by Mahmud Khalji
Lohagarh Fort	Bharatpur	Raja Surajmal Singh	
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Mehrangarh Fort	Jodhpur	Rao Jodha	
Lake Palace	Udaipur	Maharana Jagat Singh II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>located amidst the Lake Pichola.</li><li>formally known as Jag Niwas.</li><li>now transformed into a luxury hotel.</li></ul>

- In the early 18th century, Maharaja Jai Singh II of Jaipur constructed five Jantar Mantar in total, in New Delhi, Jaipur, Ujjain, Mathura and Varanasi; they were completed between 1724 and 1735.
- Jaipur Jantar Mantar is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2010.

## Gujarat

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Rani ki Vav	Patan	Chalukya rulers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014.</li><li>It is inscribed on the back side of the new Rs. 100 currency note issued by RBI.</li><li>On the banks of Saraswati River.</li></ul>
Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park	Panchmahal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004.</li></ul>

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Laxmi Vilas Palace	Vadodara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III</li><li>Architect : Major Charles Mant</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the largest private home built till date and four times the size of Buckingham Palace</li></ul>
Haji Pir Dargah	Kutch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Dargah is dedicated to a Muslim saint Hajipir.</li></ul>

## Maharashtra

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Ajanta Caves	Aurangabad		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are a total of 29 caves.</li><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983.</li></ul>
Ellora Caves	Aurangabad		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a group of 34 monasteries and temples.</li><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983.</li></ul>
Bibi Ka Maqbara	Aurangabad	Aurangzeb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was built in the memory of Aurangzeb's wife Dilras Banu Begum.</li></ul>

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Elephanta Cave	Elephanta Island, Raigarh	Rashtrakuta rulers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987.</li></ul>
Gateway of India	Mumbai	British Govt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to commemorate the landing of King George V and Queen Mary at Apollo Bunder on their visit to India in 1911.</li></ul>
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus	Mumbai	Designed by Frederick William Stevens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>formerly known as Victoria Terminus.</li><li>UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004.</li></ul>

## Madhya Pradesh

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Bhimbetka Rock Shelters	Raisen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It exhibits the earliest traces of human life in India and evidence of Stone Age.</li><li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2003).</li><li>It consists of seven hills and over 750 rock shelters distributed over 10 km</li></ul>
Jahangir Mahal	Orchha	Bir Singh Deo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This palace is the symbol of friendship between the Bir Singh Deo and Jahangir.</li><li>During the first visit of Jahangir in Orchha, this palace was built in his honor</li></ul>

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Sanchi Stupa	Sanchi Town in Raisen	Ashoka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 1989.</li></ul>
Gwalior Fort	Gwalior	Man Singh Tomar	
Jai Vilas Mahal	Gwalior	Jayajirao Scindia	
Taj-ul Masjid	Bhopal	Sultan Shah Jehan Begum of Bhopal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It means "Crown of Mosques"</li><li>It is the largest mosque in India and one of the largest mosques in Asia</li></ul>

## West Bengal

Monuments	Place	Built by	Remarks
Victoria Memorial Hall	Kolkata	British Govt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is dedicated to the memory of Empress Victoria.</li></ul>
Shaheed Minar	Kolkata	Designed by J. P. Parker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Built-in 1848 to honor Sir David Ochterlony.</li><li>It was later dedicated to Indian freedom fighters.</li></ul>
Nizamat Imambara	Murshidabad	Nawab Siraj ud-Daulah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the largest imambara in India.</li><li>It is frequently mentioned as the largest imambara in the world.</li></ul>

## Telangana

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Char - Minar	Hyderabad	Quli Qutub Shah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It has been officially incorporated as the Emblem of Telangana for the state of Telangana.</li></ul>
Makka Masjid	Hyderabad	Quli Qutub Shah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is one of the largest and important mosque in India.</li><li>The name is derived from the Grand Mosque in Mecca on which it is modeled.</li></ul>
Golconda Fort	Hyderabad		
Falaknuma Palace	Hyderabad	Nawab Sir Viqar-ul-Umra	Falak-numa means "Like the Sky" or "Mirror of Sky" in Urdu.

## Karnataka

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Lal Bagh	Bengaluru	Hyder Ali	
Gol Gumbaz	Vijayapura	Architect Yaqut of Dabul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the mausoleum (tomb) of the king Mohammed Adil Shah.</li><li>It is considered the 'Taj of the south'.</li><li>It is one of the largest domes ever built.</li></ul>
Mysore Palace	Mysore	Designed by Henry Irwin	
Group of Monuments at Hampi	Vijayanagara		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2012</li></ul>

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Lord Gometeshwara Statue	Vindhyagiri Hill, Shravanbelagola	Chamundaraya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is one of the tallest monolithic statues in the world.</li><li>It is carved out of a single block of granite.</li><li>Height : 18 m</li><li>It is visible up to 30 km away.</li><li>It is dedicated to the Jain figure Bahubali.</li><li>It symbolises the Jain precepts of peace, non-violence, sacrifice of worldly affairs, and simple living.</li></ul>



## Kerala

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Bolgatty Palace	Bolgatty Island in Kochi	Dutch traders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is one of the oldest existing Dutch palaces outside Holland.</li></ul>
Anchuthengu Fort	Kerala		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The fort was the East India Company's first permanent post on the Malabar Coast.</li></ul>
Bekal Fort	Bekal, Kerala	Shivappa Nayaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the largest fort in Kerala.</li></ul>

## Goa

Monuments	Remarks
Basilica of Bom Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNESCO as a World Heritage Site since 1986.</li></ul>

## Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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Cellular Jail	Port Blair, Andaman	Britishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is also known as Kala Pani or Black Water.</li><li>The prison was used by the British government for the purpose of exiling political prisoners to the remote archipelago.</li></ul>

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